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KNOW YE THEREFORE, That of Our especial Grace and Princely Compassion, We have Given and Granted, and by These Our Letters Patents under Our Great Seal of England, do Give and Grant unto the said Distressed Protestants, and to their Agents who shall be Lawfully Authorized on their behalf, full Power, Licence and Authority, to Ask, Gather, Receive and Take (according to the Rules Specified in these Presents) the Alms and Charitable Benevolence of all Our Loving Subjects, not only Householders, but also Servants, Strangers and others, within all and every the Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Priviledged Places, Parishes, Chapeltries, Towns, Villages, Hamlets, and all other Places whatsoever, in Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed.

WHEREFORE We Require and Command all and Singular the Archbishops and Bishops of all the Provinces and Dioceses within Our Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, (unto whose Paternal Care and Inspection We chiefly recommend the effectual Execution of these Our Letters Patents) that they and every of them, do give a particular Recommendation and Command to all the Parsons, Vicars and Curates of all and every the Parishes and other Places, as well within Liberties as without, within their respective Dioceses, for the Advancement of this so Pious and Charitable Work.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, That the said Archbishops and Bishops do Require their respective Archdeacons, that within Ten Days after the true Copies of these Our Letters Patents shall be delivered to them, to cause the same to be delivered by their respective Apparitors to the said Parsons, Vicars and Curates, of all and every the Parishes and other the Places, as well within Liberties, as without, within the respective Archdeaconries to which they belong, for which the said Apparitors to be allowed out of every Brief so delivered Four Pence only. And the said Parsons, Vicars and Curates, upon the Fifth Day of April, appointed for a Day of General Fasting and Humiliation, or upon the Sixteenth Day of the said Month of April being the Sunday next after Easter-day, shall Deliberately and Affectionately Publish and Declare the Tenor of the same unto Our said Loving Subjects, and earnestly Perswade, Exhort, and Stir them up to Contribute Freely and Cheerfully towards the Relief of these Distressed Christians. And the Churchwardens are also hereby required on the Week-days next following the said Fast day, or the said Sixteenth Day of April, to go from House to House, to Ask and Receive from all the Parishioners, as well Masters, Mistresses and Servants, as others in their families, their Christian and Charitable Contributions, and to take the Names in Writing of all such as shall Contribute thereunto, and the Sum or Sums by them respectively given. And after such Collection made, they are in the presence of the respective Inhabitants, on the next Lords Day following, to Subscribe the whole Sums upon the said Briefs under their Hands, and also to Enter them into Books of Accounts for the said Parishes and Chapeltries respectively, and the Places where, and the Times when such Sums were Collected; and they are also to Deliver the same to the said Parsons, Vicars and Curates respectively. And the said Parsons, Vicars and Curates, are to send the said Boney, together with the said Briefs, unto their respective Archdeacons; or if the Parish be exempt, to the Archdeacon within the Compass of whose Archdeaconry the said Parish lies; And the said several Archdeacons, to the respective Bishops of the several Dioceses, as herein after is Declared and Directed. And for the better performance of this so Pious and Charitable a Work, the said Parsons, Vicars and Curates respectively, are required, where conveniently they may, to Accompany the Churchwardens in Asking and Receiving the Contributions, or procure some other of the Chief of the Inhabitants in the said Parishes respectively to do the same.

AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby, for the better Advancement of these Our Pious Intentions, Will, Require and Command the Bishops, and all other Dignitaries of the Church, that they make their Contributions distinctly, to be Returned in the several Provinces to the respective Archbishops of the same. And also that all Our Loving Subjects of this Kingdom, of what Dignity, Degree or Quality whatsoever, may manifest their Zeal in so good a Work, We do Recommend it to all Heads and Governours of Colleges and Halls in both Our Universities, and also to the Judges and Officers of all and every Our respective Courts at Westminster, and the Professors of the Law both Common and Civil, and to all Students of the several Inns of Court and Chancery, by their several Bodies and Societies, that they and every of them will Contribute their Free and Charitable Benevolence herein.

AND LASTLY, Our Will and Pleasure is, That the Churchwardens of every Parish where these Our Letters Patents shall be Read, do Collect the Charity of each Parishioner in manner aforesaid, and do Pay the same within Ten Days unto the Parson, Vicar or Curate of their respective Parishes: which said Parson, Vicar or Curate, shall, after the Receipt of the said Money, make Return thereof, together with the Printed Briefs, to his respective Archdeacon, as aforesaid, at his the said Archdeacons Visitation after the Feast of Easter next ensuing; and where there is no incumbent, the Collector or Collectors shall Pay the said Money to the respective Archdeacons, as aforesaid; and the Archdeacons of the several Archdeaconries shall Return the said Collections within Ten Days next after the Receipt thereof, unto the Chancellors, Commissaries or Officials of their respective Dioceses: And the said Chancellors, Commissaries or Officials, shall Return them, within a Month next following, into the Chamber of Our City of London: From whence We do hereby Authorize and Appoint the most Reverend Father in God the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, The Lord High Chancellor of England, The Lord Archbishop of York, The Lord President of Our Council, The Lord Privy Seal, The Duke of Somerset, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, The Duke of Ormond, Chancellor of the University of Oxford, The Duke of Devonshire, Lord Steward of Our Household, The Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury, The Earl of Stamford, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, The Right Reverend Fathers in God, the Lords Bishops of London, Winchester, Litchfield Our Lord Almoner, Rochester, Sarum and Ely, The Lord Chief Justice Holt, The Lord Chief Justice Treby, The Lord Chief Baron Ward, James Vernon Esq; Our Principal Secretary of State, Our Attorney General, Our Solicitor General, The Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Aldermen of Our City of London for the time being, The Vice Chancellors of both Our Universities for the time being, The Dean of Canterbury, The Dean of St. Paul's, The Dean of York, Dr. Godolphin, Dr. Stanley, Dr. Younger, Residentiaries of St. Paul's, Dr. Willis Prebendary of Westminster, Dr. Freeman Dean of Peterborough and Rector of St. Paul Covent Garden, Dr. Wake Rector of St. James's Westminster, Dr. Halsey Rector of St. Giles's in the Fields, Dr. Lancaster Vicar of St. Martins in the Fields, Dr. Maningham Rector of St. Andrew's Holbourn, Dr. Hody Rector of St. Michael Royal, Dr. Izham Rector of St. Botolph's Bishopsgate, Dr. Bradford Rector of St. Mary le Bow, Dr. Fleetwood Rector of St. Austin's, Dr. Oxenden Dean of the Arches, Sir Charles Hedges, Dr. Newton Chancellor of London: And they, or any five or more of them, are to Dispose of such Sums as shall be Collected, either in Whole or in Part, according to the Accounts and Memorials which shall be sent by Dr. Philippe d' Hervart Our Envoy Extraordinary in Switzerland, and George Stepney Esq; Our Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Brandenburg, whom We have expressly Charged to take Care of the Settlement of the Vaudois and French Refugees, in the Dominions of those Princes who shall Receive them, and Grant them Lands, and to whom We have sent Positive Orders not to Distribute any thing, but according to the Establishments which shall be Signed by the Ministers and Captains of the Vaudois, and the French Committees that shall be Appointed in those Places; to the end all the Boney may be Employed to the best Uses, and given only to such as are in a Body or Society, whereby the Memory and Name of the Vaudois may be ever Preserved, and to Contribute to the Settlement of the Poor French Protestants who shall be obliged to leave Switzerland. And We do hereby Direct and Command, That the said several Archdeacons, shall and do make Returns to their respective Bishops, and those respective Bishops, unto the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, of what Sums they have Received at the time when they shall Pay them to the Chancellors, Commissaries or Officials; and that their respective Accounts be Stated in Words at length, and not in Figures only, and Subscribed with their own Hands. IN WITNESS whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents, to continue for one whole Year from the Date hereof, and no longer. WITNESS Our Self at Westminster, the Twelfth Day of March, in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.